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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, R & E, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY

SUBJECT: Possible Developments in Soviet Policy Toward Austria (ORE 28-49).

1. Reference is made to CIA Memorandum, subject as above, dated
14 January 1949.

2. The Intelligence Division, Department of the Army, concurs with
subject study with the following comments:

a. It is suggested that consideration be given to the possibility
of a Soviet-inspired revolutionary attempt against the present government
timed to occur immediately after occupational troops withdraw from Austria.
The principal armed subversive organization, the Werkschutz, is even now
being strengthened, and the capabilities of the Austrian Government to
maintain itself against such an attempted coup would be relatively low
during the period named. An examination by the Central Intelligence
Agency of the possibility that the Soviets intend to take such a step
would be of great interest and value to the Intelligence Division.

b. Several times within subject paper a possible Soviet block-
ade of Vienna is described as "entailing a risk of war." This appears to
us to be debatable.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE:

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